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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AA and AB were cited in an European Search Report dated June 24, 2005. A copy of the search report is also enclosed.

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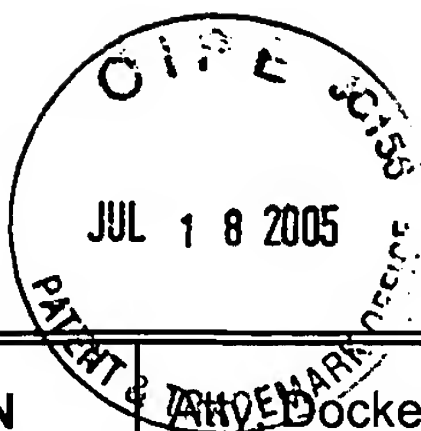
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